

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS FOR LADIES & GENTLEMEN



FROM 75c TO 8.00

Our new stock of umbrellas is complete. Gold and silver trimmed umbrellas or plain handle umbrellas for XMAS GIFTS. We have the largest stock to select from. Your choice from 75c to \$8.00.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs at 50c, 6 for 25c
Handkerchiefs at 10c, 3 for 25c
Handkerchiefs at 15c, 2 for 25c
Genuine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs 25c
Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, 3 for 25c
Initial Handkerchiefs 15c, 2 for 25c
Initial Handkerchiefs 25c

PLAIN AND FANCY SILK HANDKERCHIEFS

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25c
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 50c
Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, three for 25c

Christmas Suspenders

Plain and Fancy Suspenders for Men and Boys at 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50. These suspenders are nicely boxed. Fancy Arm Elastics 25c.

Christmas Neckwear

A dazzling array of Silk Neckwear in all shades, at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c.

CHRISTMAS MUFFERS FOR LADIES & GENTLEMEN



FROM 25c TO 2.50

A choice line of Christmas Muffers. Any muffer from this large new stock will make a fine Christmas present. Your choice at 25c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50. All the latest styles made from the choicest silks.

Christmas Gloves

Silk lined Gloves, all shades 1.00
Silk lined Gloves, all shades 1.50
Unlined Gloves, all shades 1.00
Unlined Gloves, all shades 1.50
Fleece lined Kid Gloves, all shades at 50c, 75c, 1.00, and 1.50.

Big Reduction Sale of Clothing!

Men's Overcoats, Worth \$15.00 and \$18.00, Your Choice \$10.00
Young Men's Overcoats, Worth \$11.00 and \$12.00, Your Choice \$ 5.00
Boys' Overcoats, Worth \$6.50 and \$5.50, Your Choice \$ 4.00
Men's Suits, Worth \$13.00 and \$12.00, Your Choice \$ 5.00

Big Reduction Sale of Pants

Big Reduction Sale of Men's and Young Men's Separate Pants - Every pair of Pants reduced from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per pair.

The Leading Clothiers, Hatters, Furnishers and Custom Tailors, 409 Main St., Bennington, Vermont

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Mrs. Louis Whitney of Troy was in town over Sunday.

Miss Jennie Mulligan of Lincoln St., visiting her sister Mrs. A. C. Desorda in Danbury, Conn. She will also visit relatives in New York before she returns.

Mrs. Delos Mattison and her son Perley left town on Thursday, for North Adams where they made a short stay, on their way to their home in Seymour, Ct.

Mrs. Phillip Endress gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Stehman, last week.

Mrs. Varney gave a tea last week.

Miss Nellie Rogers is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Titus of Schenectady.

Miss Katharine Rogers is spending a few weeks in Springfield, Mass.

Judge E. L. Bates will go to Fair Haven, Saturday to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Ira R. Allen.

Mrs. Wm F. Ashton has returned from a visit to friends in Pittsfield.

Master Floyd Wright of 27 Maple street who has been very ill is convalescing.

Leslie E. Collins of Manchester Centre is visiting friends in town.

Mr. D. D. Harris of Vergennes has returned home after a short visit with Mr. W. H. Wills of 221 South Street.

The street commissioner failed to clear the side streets this morning before the mill hands went to work.

Mrs. Russell Hyde entertained a party of ladies at cards yesterday afternoon, Dec. 9.

There was quite a fall of snow last night, and the first sleigh of the season was seen on the street this morning.

The recent rummage sale of the woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association netted it \$75.

Thomas H. Madigan of Boston visited his sister, Mrs. Charles N. Powers, a portion of the week.

Mrs. George Reynolds, who has been in a Troy hospital eight weeks for treatment is improving, but slowly. As soon as strong enough she has got to undergo an operation.

Mrs. L. E. Story underwent a severe surgical operation in the City hospital at Troy Saturday. News received today is to the effect that she is doing fully as well as could be expected.

William A. Barrett has been in Albany and Fonda this week inspecting machines for Charles Cooper.

John W. McGarry of Burlington, well known here, is seriously ill and threatened with appendicitis.

Mrs. Eliza Jewett and granddaughter, Ruth, left Monday for Chicago, where they will spend the winter.

At the annual meeting of Sixth Corps Relief corps last evening these officers were elected: Mrs. Lucy Gibson pres; Mrs. Ruth Griswold S. V. P.; Mrs. Frances Williams, sec; Mrs. Electa Murphy, treas; Mrs. H. N. Patterson, chap; Miss Mina Clark, delegate; Mrs. Maggie Sibbey, alternate; Mrs. Ella Davis; Guard, Mrs. Bessie Stevens; con. Appointed officers to be announced later. Reports showed the corps to be prosperous with money in the treasury.

The Junior League will meet next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Joseph Lumb of Torrington, Ct., has accepted a position in the Cooper needle shop.

In the Methodist church next Sunday morning, the pastor, W. H. Washburne, will speak on "Some Foolish and Weak Things," and in the evening on "Bodies Celestial and Terrestrial."

By request of the Grand Patriarch a special meeting of Mansur Encampment L. O. O. F. will be held Saturday evening Dec. 12. A large attendance is desired as the Grand Patriarch E. A. Cook of Newport will be present.

At the First Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. Frank R. Morris will preach at 10:30 on "The Value of Religious Experience." Evening gospel service at 7 o'clock. You are invited to both services.

List of Letters remaining uncalled for in the Post Office for the week ending Dec. 7, 1903. Chas. A. Armstrong, G. M. Almsworth, Geo. F. Adams, M. J. Cotting, H. F. Curran, E. D. Davis, Geo. Galusha, Edward J. Hay, Lieut. C. H. Harrison, W. P. McGuire, Jas. M. Schultz, Joe Schmidt, Valley Mel. Co., Mrs. Wm Foster, Mrs. A. L. Foster, Mrs. S. W. Harriman, Mrs. Bessie Jackson.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation.
Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. For sale by B. A. Quinn.

A Costly Mistake.
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver and bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

REAL ESTATE

EDWARD J. HALL

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Two Dwellings
Putnam St. Extension.

Several Dwellings
South Branch St.

Two Dwellings
School St.

For Insurance or Collections apply to

Dwellings and Building Lots
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Other Desirable Property
in all parts of the village

EDWARD J. HALL
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Opera House Block - Bennington, Vt.

PAGE'S PERFECTED POULTRY FOOD

does make hens lay. It certainly is the best egg producer. No red pepper or any irritant that temporarily warms up the fowls and then leaves them worse off than before. A genuine food that keeps hens healthy and makes poultry grow.

The value of our Food has been proved in this State. We have numerous testimonials of the highest character. They are from well-known farmers and poultrymen right here in New England, people you know or have heard about and whose word is gilt edge.

We guarantee satisfaction and stand back of every pound we ship. Your money back if you are not satisfied. We want an agent in every village. Send for our booklet; it contains testimonials, prices, and full particulars about our liberal inducements. Page pays the freight.

REMEMBER PAGE'S IS THE ONLY PERFECT POULTRY FOOD.
It is the one kind that really makes eggs.

CARROLL S. PAGE,
HYDE PARK, VERMONT.

Made Her Young Again

HAY'S HAIR-HEALTH

"Find enclosed \$2.00 for which send 6 bottles of Hair-Health. I am delighted with the result. My hair was so gray that I was ashamed for anyone to see me, and being so young it almost killed me to think my hair was getting white so long before I was an old woman, but thanks to Hair-Health, a gray hair cannot be found in my head and I have not used all of one bottle."

LARGE 50c. BOTTLES. AT LEADING DRUGGISTS.

Free Soap Offer Good for 25c. cake HARTINA SOAP.

Get out and sign this coupon in five days, take it to any of the following druggists and they will give you a large bottle of Hay's Hair-Health and a 25c. cake of Hartina Medicated Soap, the best soap for Hair, Scalp, Complexion, Bath and Toilet, both for fifty cents regular price. Redeemed by leading druggists everywhere at their shops only, or by the Philo Hay Specialties Co., 229 Lafayette St., Newark, N.J., either with or without soap, by express, prepaid, in plain sealed package on receipt of 60c, and this coupon.

GUARANTEE Any person purchasing Hay's Hair-Health anywhere in the U. S. who has not been benefited, may have his money back by addressing Philo Hay Specialties Co., 229 Lafayette St., Newark, N.J.

Name.....
Address.....
Following Druggists supply Hay's Hair-Health and Hartina Soap in their shops only:

THE COMBINATION CASH STORE

... Lively Days for the Toy Store ...

Our Toy Store is ready, and such a wonderland for old and young. There are surprises on every hand and ingenious new fashioned Toys that fascinate children of all ages and sizes.

First there is a splendid Doll show and every little girl will want to come and pick out her favorite. All the Dolls can have Houses, Carriages, Automobiles, Trunks, Swings, Cradles, Beds, Bath Tubs, etc. The little housekeeper will be interested in Cook Stoves, Sets of Dishes, also Blocks, Books, Iron Toys, Sleds, Rocking Horses, and lots of other things from Santa Claus.

Now a word to those interested in Fine China and Glass Ware. Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Salads, Cups and Saucers, Water Sets, Wine Sets, Vases and Novelties of all kinds. Will you consider this your Xmas Store?

John H. Moore - 142 North St. Bennington, Vt.

AT THE NEW MARKET

Cor. North and Pleasant Street you will find the best of home-made sausage, also a full line of the best meats.

CLARENCE CHANDLER,
Manager.

LADIES'

Have you a Bread Mixer?
Come and examine them and you will be sure to buy. For sale by

W. D. NEWTON
COR. MAIN & SILVER STS.

Estate of John Burke.

Will Presented.
STATE OF VERMONT, ss.: At a session of the District of Bennington, ss.: of the Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1903.
Present, John V. Carney, Judge.
An Instrument, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Burke late of Bennington in said district, deceased, being presented by J. V. D. S. Morrill, for the executor therein named, for Probate. It is ordered by said Court, that all persons concerned therein, be notified to appear at a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office, in Bennington, in said District, on the 11th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the probate of said Will, for which purpose they further ordered that this order be published three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing.
By the Court.
Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of JOHN H. DAILEY.
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Bennington, Commissioners, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of John H. Dailey, late of Shaftsbury in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid at the late residence of the said John H. Dailey the 26th day of Dec. 1903, and 17th day of May next, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock M. each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1903, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.
Dated at Bennington, this 7th day of Dec., A. D. 1903.
J. ED. WALBRIDGE,
PATRICK T. GRIFFIN,
Commissioners.

Estate of Mary A. Lane

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.
STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court for the District of Bennington, ss.: of the Probate Office in Bennington within and for the District of Bennington aforesaid on the 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.
Present, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.
Harlow A. Hottum administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Mary A. Lane, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 26th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.
A record whereof is ordered to be made. True record.
Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.
true copy of the original record.
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WOODFORD

Samuel Mallory has moved into one of James Smith's houses in Ferndale.
John Niles, insurance agent, has been in town this week and done some business.
George W. Knapp caught a raccoon which weighed 27 1/2 pounds.
Martin C. Cutler has purchased of Mr. Levin, familiarly known as the "Bennington Iron King," a fine, large black work horse. The price paid comes close to the two hundred dollar mark.
Mrs. Eveline Kimball of Bennington and Miss Alice Gardner of Dalton, Mass., have been visiting friends in town.
Miss Lora Harbour's school closed with public exercises last Friday. Miss May Russell's school will close in the same way next Friday.
Miss Harbour commenced teaching Monday in Shaftsbury.
A. W. Hagar has been in pursuit of a big bear, tracking him on the new snow. At this writing "Ause" is in close proximity to Bruin.
Charles and John Harwood, sons of Bennington's successful optician, have been guests of Albert Shultz, enjoying the art of Nimrod.
The city Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. are making preparations for Christmas festivities.
Gleason and Scott have a good stock of goods in the grocery line and some dry goods in their country store.
There's about a foot of snow in the woods and lumbermen are utilizing it to good advantage. The sleighing is fair throughout the town.
M. S. Knights has taken the job of running Gleason's mill. George W. Knapp is his sawyer, with Howard Flint of Bennington behind the saw. Knights runs the engine.
Miss D. M. Gleason and Mrs. Albert Shultz are quite ill.
James M. Cutler, formerly of Woodford, is working in a chair shop at Gardner, Mass.
John Ward and John Richardson of

Bankrupt Sale

At

LEVIN'S

Continues Until Saturday December 12,

His store is crammed full of articles bought at one-third of their actual value and which will be sold at prices never before heard of in Bennington.

You don't believe it! Then come and see that is all we ask. Whatever you want in clothing for man, woman or child come to Levin's and he can save you money.

H. HARRY LEVIN,
112 North Street.

NORTH WHITE CREEK.

Mrs. Mercy Duell, who has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. E. J. Bennett, has returned to her home on Oak Hill.
Frank E. Bailey attended a social at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins' in West Arlington Friday evening.
Miss Mary Scriven has returned to her home in Shushan, after spending a few weeks at Thomas Harrington's.
Harry Bennett spent Friday in Troy.
Alfred Harrington of Greenwich spent a few days with his father, Thomas Harrington, before going on a trip to Canada.
A. E. Skiff of Cambridge was through here Saturday buying turkeys for Christmas.

OFF AGAIN.

Wm Jennings Bryan Predicts Roosevelt's Nomination and Defeat
Paris, Dec. 9.—William Jennings Bryan today left Paris for Bern, Switzerland. The Patrie today prints an interview with Bryan in which he expresses the opinion that Roosevelt will be nominated by the republicans next year but will fail of election.

Christmas Goods and Gifts

We have our goods all out. Perfumes, stag horn sets, and a fine line of ladies' and gents' pocketbooks. Call and see for yourself, it costs nothing to look them over, we like to have you. A sale on water bottles this week. If you need one now is the time.

JOSEPH M. AYRES
DRUGGIST
Telephone 508 Main Street

Boys' Books For Christmas

The Henty Books, Horatio Alger, Jr., Works, Oliver Optic, Kirk Munro's, Robinson Crusoe, Swiss Family Robinson, Stevenson's Treasure Island, Rip Van Winkle and many others.

A. Maurer,
427 Main Street.

E. J. MORRISSEY

105 Pleasant St.

Estate of Louis Marlow.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.
STATE OF VERMONT. At a session of the District of Bennington, ss.: of the Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 28th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.
Present, John V. Carney, Judge.
Thomas Marlow, administrator of the estate of Louis Marlow, late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 26th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.
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